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Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated March 31, 2005 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 20-35, drawn to a method of suppression or inhibition of allergen-specific IgE production by administering interferon-tau), without traverse. As to the species set forth in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect "oral" as the route of administration and also elect "rhinitis" as the allergic condition. Claims 20, 21, 23-28, and 30-35 are readable on the oral route of administration species. Claims 20-23, 25-30, and 32-35 are readable on rhinitis as the allergic condition species.

A Preliminary Amendment amending the pending claims to delete subject matter of non-elected Group II accompanies this Election.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

Respectfully submitted,



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